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SUBJECT: CODEL PRICE

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1. AT THE DEPARTMENT'S URGING, CODEL PRICE CONTINUED TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE TO PERMIT A STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT TO ACCOMPANY GROUP, AND PRCLO HAS NOW AGREED TO OFFICIAL ESCORT. SINCE THIS SEEMED TO PROVIDE LOGICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EA/PRCM DEPUTY DIRECTOR STAPLETON ROY TO VISIT PRC, WE HAVE DECIDED WITH HARRY THAYER'S CONCURRENCE TO ASSIGN ROY AS ESCORT, ASSUMING THAT VISIT GOES OFF AS ANTICIPATED.

2. IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, ROY HOPES TO REMAIN IN PRC FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL DAYS AFTER CODEL'S DEPARTURE, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL STOP OVER IN HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL DAYS CONSULTATIONS BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. PRECISE PLANS ARE NOT YET FIRM, BUT ROY WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE IN HONG KONG DURING LAST WEEK OF APRIL.

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